

## **An act to provide for the safe keeping of the acts, records, and seal of the United States, and for other purposes. New York**

An ACT to provide for the safe keeping of the Acts, Records, and Seal of the United States, and for other Purposes.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Executive Department, denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs, shall hereafter be denominated, the Department of State, and the principal officer therein shall hereafter be called, the Secretary of State, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That whenever a bill, order, resolution, or vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, having been approved and signed by the President of the United States, or not having been returned by him with his objections, shall become a law, it shall forthwith thereafter be received by the said Secretary from the President; and whenever a bill, order, resolution, or vote, shall be returned by the President with his objections, and shall, on being reconsidered, be agreed to be passed and be approved by two thirds of both Houses of Congress, and thereby become a law, shall in such case be received by the said Secretary from the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in whichever House it shall last have been so approved, and the said Secretary shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after he shall receive the same, cause every law to be published in at least three of the public Newspapers, printed within the United States, and shall also cause two fair copies, duly authenticated to be sent to the Executive Authority of each State; to each Member of Congress and he shall carefully preserve the originals of all laws in proper cases, and shall cause the same to be recorded in books to be provided for the purpose.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the seal heretofore used by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be, and hereby is declared to be the seal of the United States.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said Secretary shall keep the seal of the United States, and shall make out and record, and shall affix the seal of the United States to all civil commissions to officers of the United States to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or by the President alone:— Provided, That the said seal shall not be affixed to any commission, before the same shall have been signed by the President of the United States. nor to any others

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the said Secretary shall cause a seal of office to be made for the said department of such device as the President of the United States shall approve; 2 and all

copies of records and papers in the said office, authenticated under the said seal, shall be evidence equally as the original record or paper.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the said Secretary shall be entitled to receive for of the States the following fees of office, to be paid by the persons requiring the services to be performed, or to whom the several commissions shall be granted, to wit: when of the U. S. relating to his office—

For making out and authenticating copies of records ten cents, for each sheet, containing one hundred words.

For authenticating a copy of a record or paper under the seal of office, twenty-five cents.

For each commission to the Collectors, Naval Officers and Surveyors, one dollar and fifty cents.

For each commission to exercise an office to which a salary is affixed, one hundred and fifty cents.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the said Secretary shall, forthwith, after his appointment, be entitled to have the custody and charge of the said seal of the United States; and also of all books, records, and papers, remaining in the office of the late Secretary of the United States in Congress assembled, and such of the said books, records, and papers, as may appertain to the Treasury Department, or War Department, shall be delivered over to the principal officers in the said departments respectively, as the President of the United States shall direct.

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